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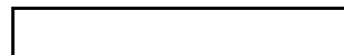
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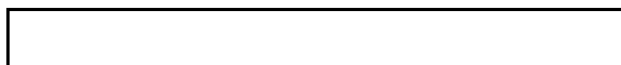
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Molotov recently told the Swedish ambassador that Moscow had recalled Ambassador Zorin from Bonn because there are to be no particular developments in relations with West Germany at present and a man of Zorin's experience in foreign affairs could not be wasted there. Molotov was evasive about Zorin's possible successor and left the impression that it might be some time before one is named.

Ambassador Bohlen believes that Molotov's explanation has some credibility. However, Bohlen thinks the West German ambassador is also correct in connecting Zorin's recall with the East German leaders' visit to Moscow and the USSR's desire to reassure them that it will not negotiate with Bonn.

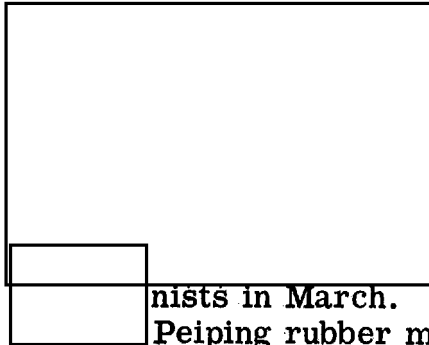
Comment The recall of Zorin will probably be followed by Soviet propaganda charges that Bonn, by its cool treatment of Zorin, has shown its lack of interest in progress toward unification.



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5. SINGAPORE TRADE MISSION TO COMMUNIST CHINA



A 60-man Singapore trade mission, including 50 Chinese businessmen, is scheduled to visit Communist China the second or third week of August in response to an invitation from the Communists in March. The mission is sponsored by wealthy, pro-Peiping rubber merchants.

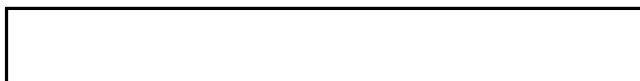
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The American consul general in Singapore believes the delegates will be offered impressive, politically inspired business deals. While local businessmen hope to develop a mainland market for rubber, tin and other exports, the consul general believes that actually any increased trade would result mainly in greater exports by the Chinese, further widening the present trade gap in favor of Communist China.

Widespread support from the Singapore Chinese community, together with former chief minister Marshall's decision to head the delegation, has prevented the Singapore Labor Front government from officially discouraging the mission.

A 40-man delegation from the Federation of Malaya will also visit Communist China in August.

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THE ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION
(Information as of 1700, 23 July)

Prior to his departure from the Near East on 23 July, UN secretary general Hammarskjold announced plans to return to the area in October.

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Israel charged that infiltrators from Jordan penetrated an Israeli settlement west of Jerusalem at day-break, tossing a hand grenade into a school and firing on a bus. No casualties were reported.

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